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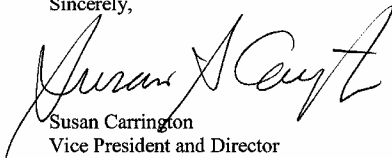
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ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

We received the response you forwarded from Galbraith Environmental Science LLC (GES) dated February 4, 2004 to comments Dow provided on the *Tittabawassee River Aquatic Ecological Risk Assessment* (ERA). In brief, Dow does not agree with the assertions made by GES and we stand by our comments submitted on December 19, 2003. We have referenced the GES ERA and the GES response to Dow's comments on the GES ERA in the revised Scope of Work.

If you or your staff have any questions on this review, please direct them to John Phillips at (989) 636-1762.

Sincerely,



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